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"The Wings of Task Force Eagle"

News Briefs

"Shali"

Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. John Shalikashvili, transitted Eagle Base Tuzla Wednesday. He transloaded from a C-20



Gulfstream to an awaiting Army helicopter. He's one more distinguished visitor the Air Force professionals here have assisted during Operation Joint Endeavor.

Dining In

The 4100 Group Combat Dining In has been re-relocated to the fest tent. Mess kits and face paint are required.

Sports cancelled

Due to inclement weather, basketball and volleyball are cancelled. We will try again next week.

Honor Guard

The 4100th Group's Honor Guard will practice Sunday at the basketball court by the tower. The Honor Guard will participate in multi-national ceremonies, flag details and ceremonies for distinguished visitors. Call Senior Airman Pat Hodge at ext. 134 for more information.

Task Force Eagle Scoreboard



Scheduled:	4,110
Total Flown:	3,402
Inbound PAX:	29,805
Cargo (Short Tons):	29,865
Vehicles:	1,307
Patients Medevaced:	658

as of Sept. 12, 1996

4100th Group (P) prepares for real thing with exercise



image by Senior Airman Phillip Ulmer

Ever vigilant

A1C Kenneth Kimble, Security Police Specialist, observes the parking apron from his defensive fighting position in a bunker during Sunday's exercise.

by Senior Master Sgt. Mark T. Giuliano
Exercise Evaluation Team Chief

Members of the 4100th Group (P) hit the shelters Sunday as part of a large-scale exercise to test the group's preparedness to shelter personnel and recover from an attack.

The exercise was a culmination of weeks of Combat Readiness Training which included academic and practical training in subjects that included: litter carrying techniques, self-aid/buddy care, weapons cleaning, gas mask cleaning and use, and base recovery after attack procedures.

"The Exercise Evaluation Team wrote an excellent script. The scenarios were very realistic and executed in a timely manner. Overall, the exercise provided invaluable training to group personnel", said Col. Paul Cooper, commander, 4100th Group.

The exercise scenario were developed so that the group would encounter communication and procedural problems,

but that was the purpose of the exercise; to identify weaknesses and provide practical training and experience to group personnel.

EET members have identified areas needing improvement and are currently taking corrective action to fix those areas. "Supervisors, flight chief's and commanders

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must impress upon their people that this wasn't a dress rehearsal for an inspection team, it was to prepare personnel for the real threat that surrounds Tuzla Air Base," said Colonel Cooper. To reinforce the training and lessons learned from this exercise, and to maintain a high state of readiness, another exercise is tentatively planned for early October.

"We are the point of the spear as far as Task Force Eagle goes."

Efforts offer priceless hope to Bosnians

(Editor's Note: This article is reproduced from the Post Dispatch, March 3, 1996.)

by Capt. Sloan Oliver

I'm a paratrooper from St. Louis, Mo., stationed in Italy but currently deployed to Tuzla, Bosnia, as part of Operation Joint Endeavor. I'd like to give some insight into condition in Bosnia.

First, this is a Third World country with all the lack of amenities that entails. For the average Bosnian, there is no indoor plumbing. The women pump all their family's water from a well in back of their homes. They hand wash clothes in buckets and hang them out to dry, even in freezing temperatures. And if "nature calls" in the middle of the night, (they) walk out in the (weather) to the outhouse and "answer" it.

The men cut the firewood that will provide fuel for cooking and heating. The fields are mostly plowed by oxen. Stores are few and far between and people either walk to them or take a horse-drawn wagon. There are very few cars in the country, and those that run are in terrible

condition.

Electricity is unreliable, with blackouts occurring totally at random and for unknown periods of time. Finally half the population is unemployed with very little chance of finding jobs.

Given the above conditions, now throw

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in the fact that there has been a war here for the last 3 1/2 years. I've only seen picture of post-World War II Europe, but many areas of Bosnia look just like those pictures. The front-line snakes for 400 miles across the country side and on either side of the line there total destruction. Not a building, house or business for several miles on either side of the front line is undamaged.

And millions of land mines planted by all factions will ensure that the former front lines remain deadly for generations to come.

Recently, I was walking through a small Muslim town when I asked our interpreter if we had to worry about land mines in the surrounding fields. He thought for a moment, then replied, "No, there are no mines here. There are too many children with legs."

Those same children followed us around like we were the Pied Piper. They didn't want Nikes or the hottest team jacket or even our MREs. They just wanted to be near us.

Several days later, I was on patrol in a Serbian town. One of our soldiers was talking to a man about 50 years old. Like soldiers everywhere, the American asked: "Are there any attractive, available women in town?" (The elderly man) replied with great pain on his face. "Yes, there are about 300 widows." How can you respond to that? You can't.

Will being out here make a difference? I don't know. But for now the fighting has stopped, and the people are trying to get their lives back in order. The American forces here in Bosnia have given the people something that is priceless. We've given them hope.

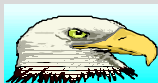
Happy 49th Birthday

Air Force leaders send anniversary messages

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The following 49th Air Force anniversary message is from Secretary of the Air Force Sheila E. Widnall and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman: As the nation celebrates the 49th birthday of the United States Air Force this year, we want to take this opportunity to thank you, the men and women who make up our institution, for your selfless contributions to our nation's defense. Like those dedicated professionals who came before, you have made our Air Force the most respected air and space force in the world. This occasion also marks the beginning of our celebration of the Air Force's 50th anniversary. Our service was born through the efforts of a unique collection of people who shared a vision of what airpower could contribute to America and drove to make that vision reality

— an independent Air Force.

Today, we share that vision with our predecessors and build on their efforts to make the Air Force of the 21st century uniquely capable of global engagement. You have been a vital part in building our Air Force. So we encourage you to celebrate our service's proud history by taking part in the diverse activities that will be held across our Air Force over the next 14 months. Revel in the accomplishments of the past while you seek the challenges of the future. A strong and capable Air Force will be essential to sustaining America's preeminent position in an uncertain world during the 21st century. The men and women of our Total Force will play a crucial role in making the next century the age of air and space power.



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**Airman 1st Class
Dennis S. Tye**

4100th Group (P) TPN-19

Hometown: Odessa, Mo.

Age: 23

Specialty: Heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration

Home Unit: 3rd Combat Comm, 34th Communications Squadron, Tinker AFB, Okla.

Time in service: 2 years, 9 months

Time at Tuzla: 17 days

Hobbies: Camping, cycling, and spending time with my family

Deployed mission: I maintain environmental control units for the TPN-19 tactical radar system.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? I see my self doing air conditioning work as a civilian.

What do you like most about Tuzla? I like doing my job in a "real world" type atmosphere.

What do you like the least? Not having the freedom that I had back at home station; like going off base or doing what you want, when you want to.

RAPCON Shines

Group names monthly winners

by Tech. Sgt. Michael J. Land
Tuzla Times

The 4100th Group (P) recently announced its Airman and Noncommissioned Officer of the Month for August, and both are from the RAPCON.

Senior Airman John C. Rhoutsong, 4100th Group (P) air traffic controller, and Staff Sgt. Christopher D. Shoulder, 4100th Group (P) watch supervisor, were named the monthly winners.

Both individuals were recognized for their outstanding work to ensure the safe movement of more than 23,000 short tons of cargo and almost 30,000 passengers on approximately 3,000 missions.

Rhoutsong's superiors recognized him for providing superb air traffic service on the precision approach radar during a time-critical flight check of the Mobile Microwave Landing System. The Federal Aviation Administration pilot flying the mission said it was the "best PAR approaches (I) ever received."

He played an integral part in the air traffic services provided to the U.S. Marine Corps with the unmanned aerial vehicle operations, and with NATO Zagreb and Airborne Warning and Control Systems aircraft during Restricted Operation Zone activations.

As a team player, he was a key member responsible for the sandbag removal, front porch redesign, hascle basket setup, and the resanding of Tent City 2. He volunteered off-duty time to help manage the fitness center, and is the backbone of the Airfield Operations Flight recreation team.

Sergeant Shoulder supervised and coordinated Airborne Warning and Control Systems aircraft during Restricted Operating

Zones activations; ensured airspace sterilization for North Atlantic Treaty Organization aircraft, and close air support and air presence missions in support of Operation Decisive Endeavor.



He assisted the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Army with unmanned aerial vehicle operations by providing air traffic service to the operations, including surveillance of airspace over Tuzla.

Shoulder supervised the first-ever classified air corridor threat survey with the Air Force's Office of Special Investigations. His efforts led to the successful identification of man-made ground emitters falsely alerting aircrews of surface-to-air threats and saved the Air Force more than \$300,000.

He was hand-picked to serve as the chief, Air Traffic Control Training and Standardization. In this position, he accomplished much. He implemented monthly proficiency procedures for radar approach control; developed the nonradar operation instruction; and revised a local area knowledge guide, affording newly-assigned controllers the tools necessary for timely certification. Shoulder also trained 14 controllers on Mobile Microwave Landing System approach procedures.

As a volunteer, he helped enhance force protection with his involvement renovating shelters in Tent City 2, and he donated his time to help assure the 4100th Group picnic had the food and refreshments necessary. He also worked at the fitness center to assure smooth operations for all customers.

Shoulder is also credited with authoring the Airfield Operations Flight's Information Package to provide inbound controllers facts about Tuzla's living conditions, services, and other information applicable to their deployment.



Hi, General

Chief of Transient Alert Master Sgt. Linda R. Grable, Airfield Operations Flight, visits with Maj. Gen. William Nash, Task Force Eagle commander, while awaiting the departure of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. John Shalikashvili.

Tuzla Main Chapel Schedule

Catholic Mass

Monday - Friday	noon	Mass
Tuesday	7 p.m.	Recitation of the Rosary
Saturday	7 p.m.	Mass
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mass
	10 a.m.	Mass

Confessions are heard 30 minutes before weekend services

Protestant Worship Services

Sunday	9 a.m.	Traditional worship
	11 a.m.	General worship
	11 a.m.	Worship in the HQ building
	2 p.m.	Gospel service
	7 p.m.	Evening worship

Lutheran Worship Services

Sunday	5:30 p.m.
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Jewish Worship Services

First Friday	7 p.m.
First Saturday	9:30 a.m.

Latter Day Saints

Sunday	noon	Worship
	1 p.m.	Sunday school
Monday	8 p.m.	Family night

Bible study and prayer meeting

Monday	7 p.m.	Bible study
Monday	8 p.m.	Promise Keepers
Tuesday	7 p.m.	Gospel Bible study
Wednesday	7 p.m.	Prayer meeting
Wednesday	8 p.m.	Christian movie
Friday	7 p.m.	Bible study
Sunday	8:15 p.m.	Movie

Islamic services

Friday	11:30 a.m.	Jummah prayers
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For more information on Chapel activities call MSE 558-5665 or 557-0119.

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